

NEWPORT AVENUE CONNECTOR

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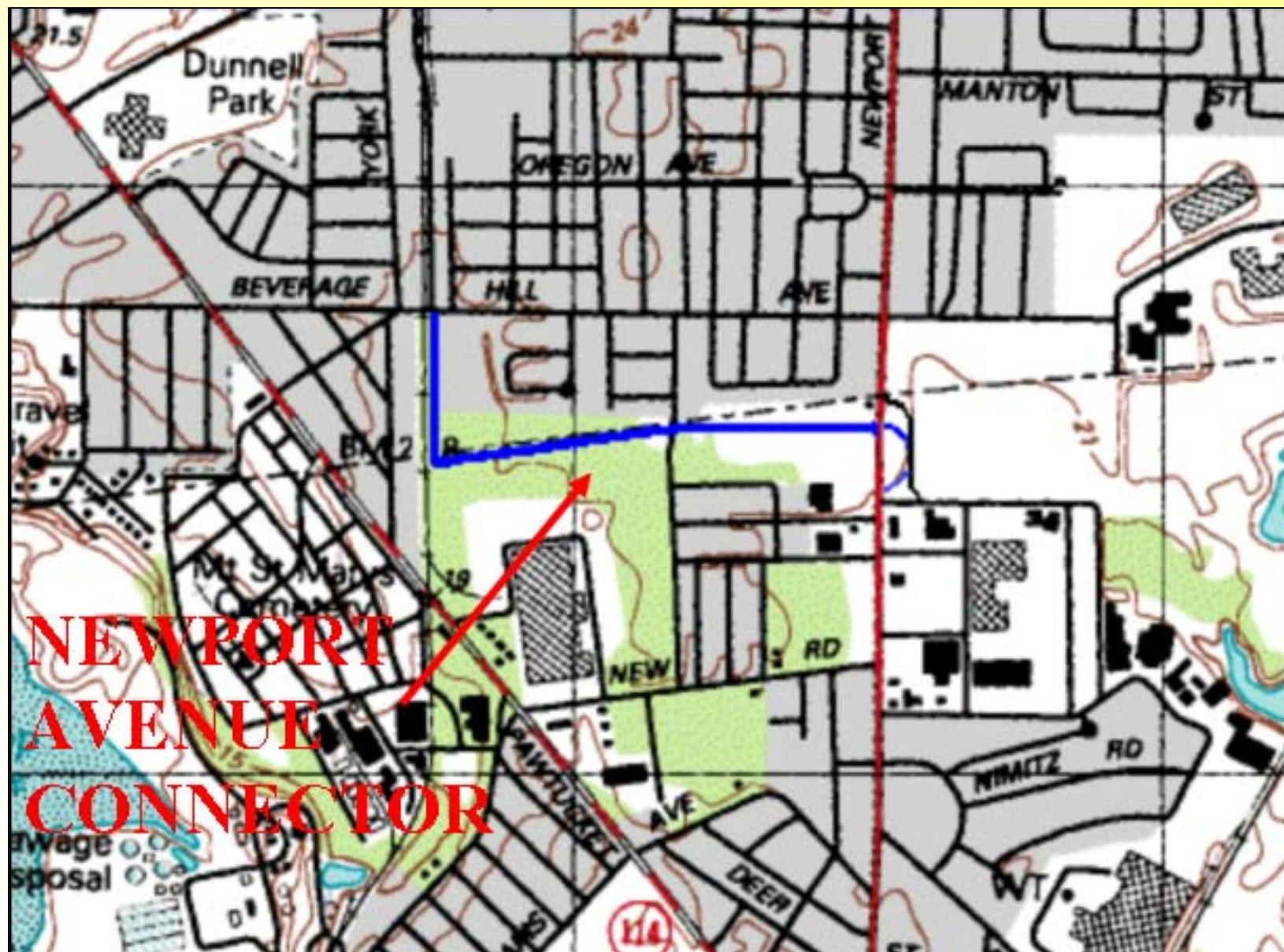
The East Pawtucket Industrial Highway

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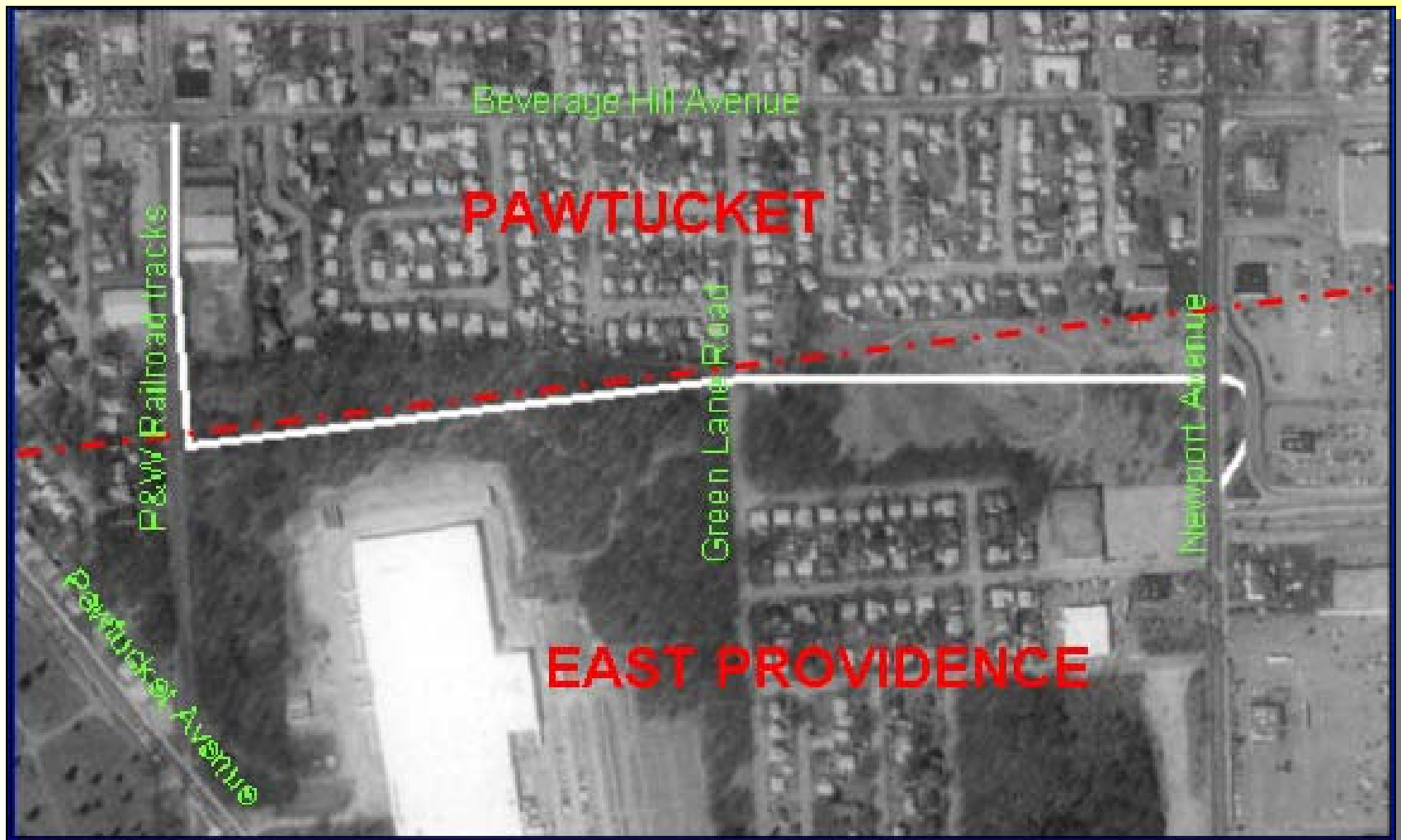
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PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

- 900 feet of Waterfront Drive extending George R. Bennett Highway to Newport Avenue Connector
- 2,500 feet of new roadway connecting Waterfront Drive with Newport Avenue (Route 1A)
- Both to have 40 feet average width with two 12 feet wide travel lanes and two 5 – 8 feet shoulders
- Landscaping and screen plantings along both sides
- Estimated construction cost \$2.3 million



Waterfront Drive will extend the George R. Bennett Highway southward.

Waterfront Drive will connect to the Newport Avenue Connector at the East Providence/Pawtucket city boundary. —→



The connector will follow the city line through forested land behind Monarch/Paramount.

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It will cross the field between residential areas in each city...

...and will intersect with Newport Avenue between Wendy's Restaurant and Simpson's Pharmacy.



The intersection will link to the “jug handle” at the entrance to Narragansett Industrial Park.

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PROJECT PURPOSES



Connect Beverage Hill Avenue to the proposed Newport Avenue Connector

Connect George R. Bennett Highway to Newport Avenue



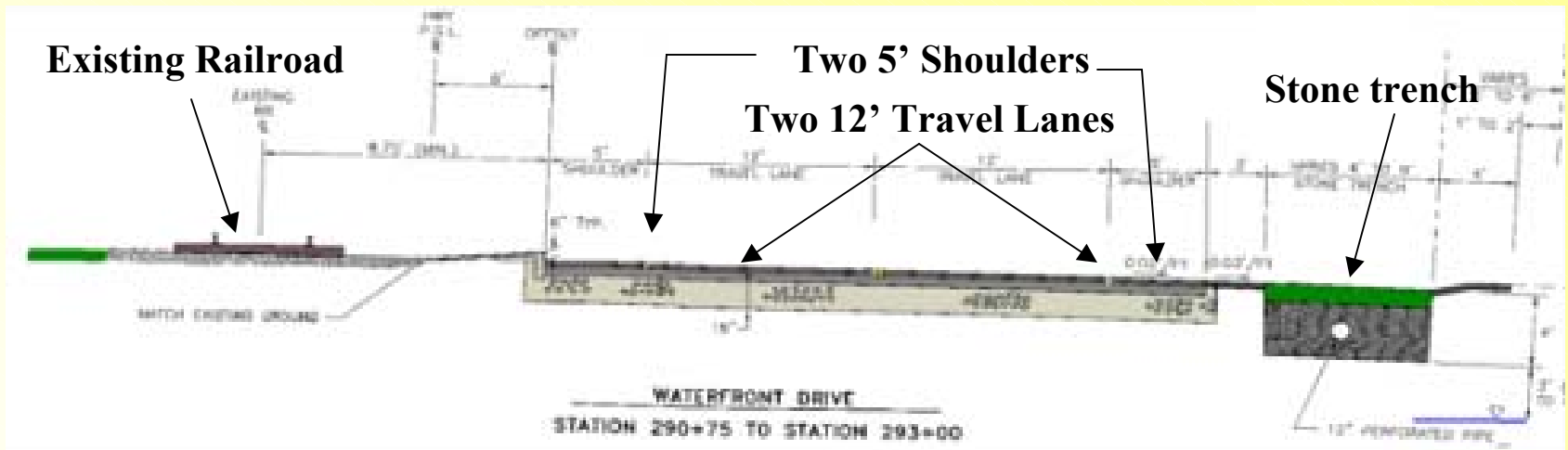
Relieve traffic on Beverage Hill Avenue, as well as the volume of trucks.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

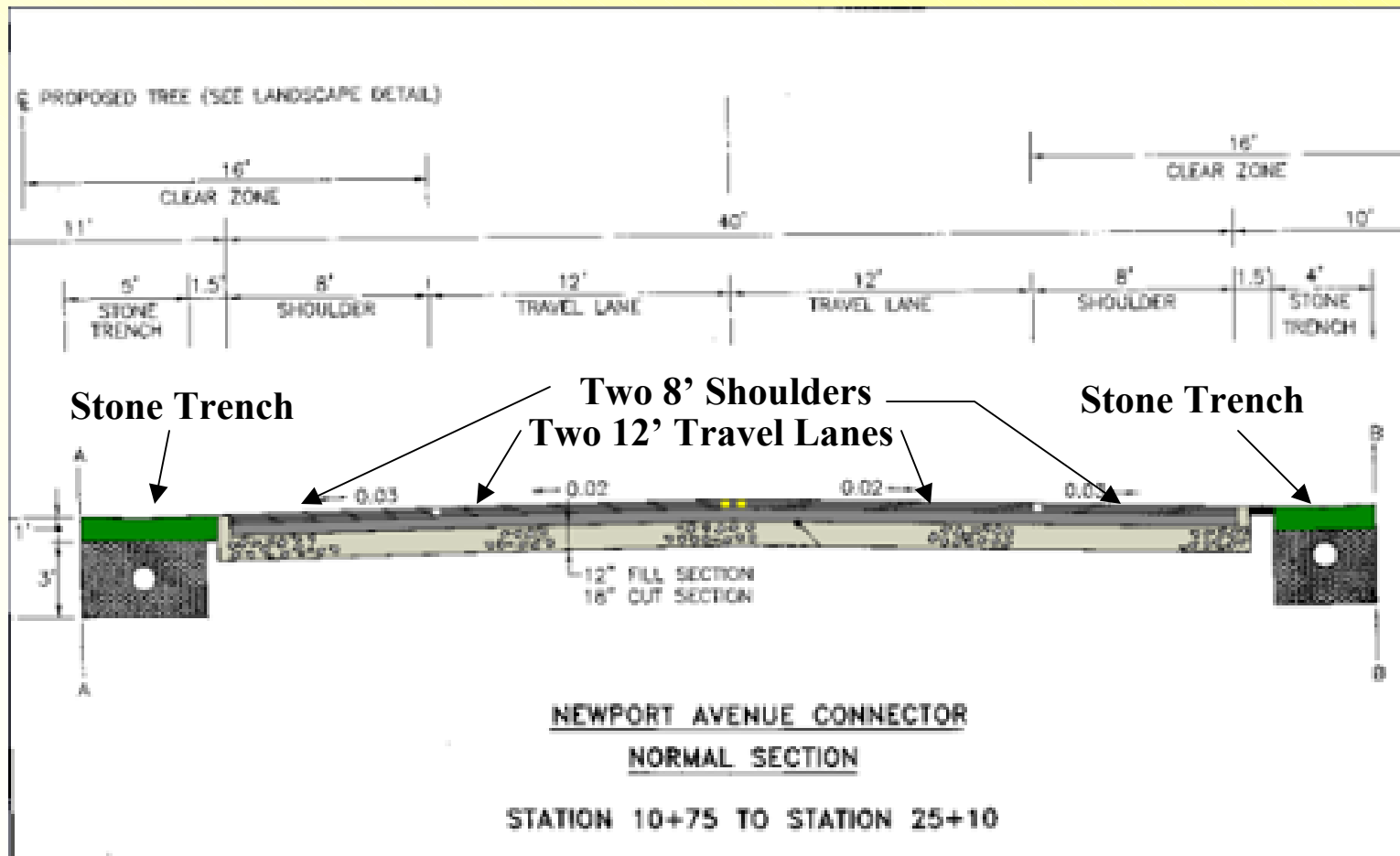
- 1991 Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing on Waterfront Drive and Newport Avenue Connector
- 1995 Pawtucket/East Providence Support Rally “Build Waterfront Drive”
- 1995 E.P. City Council voted unanimously “to give top priority” to Waterfront Drive
- 1996 Newport Avenue Connector listed on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- 1998 East Providence voters approve bond issue for utilities along Newport Avenue Connector

WATERFRONT DRIVE



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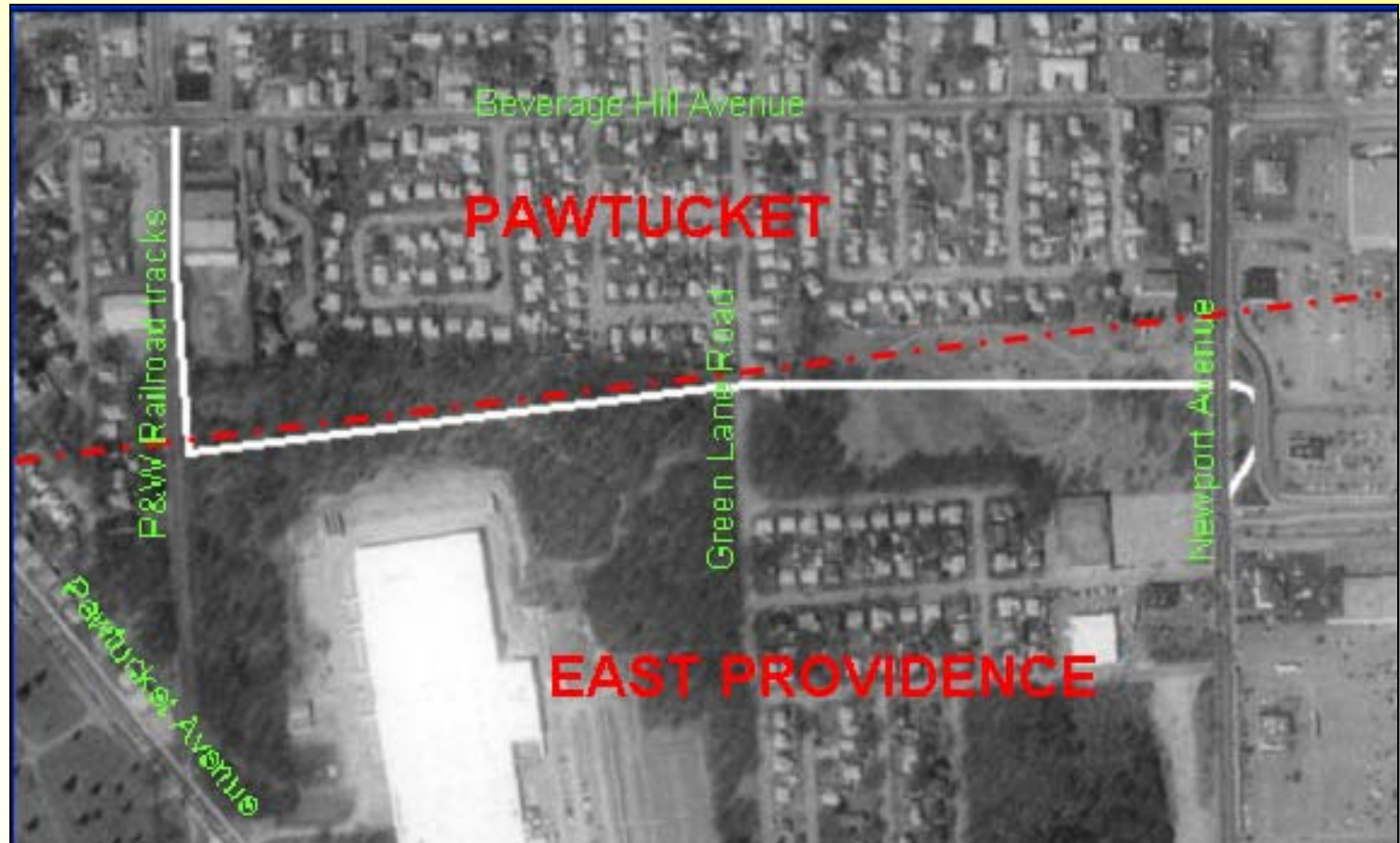
- Large tracts of existing field and forest will remain
- Grassed banks will be planted on both sides of road
- Shrub plantings will be used to landscape roadside
- Trees will be used to break up views from residences
- Drainage system will be mostly underground

PRESENT PROJECT STATUS

- Design process 100% complete
- DOT advertising for bids is on hold
- Construction is on hold
- Construction to be completed in two seasons

ACTIONS NEEDED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

- Obtain remaining right-of-way
 - Portions of four more properties are needed to complete the right-of-way



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